

REMARKS

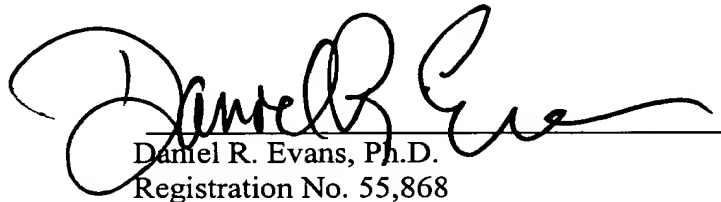
Applicants thank the Examiner for an indication that claims 25, 28, 33, 44-48, 55-57, and 60 are allowable.

Accordingly, claim 22 is amended to include the allowable limitation of claim 25; and claim 33 is amended to depend upon allowable claim 22. On the whole, claims 22-24, 26-30, 33, 44-48, 55-57, and 60 are amended in order to improve readability; while claims 25, 31-32, 34-43, and 49-54 are cancelled without prejudice. It is believed that the amendments to the claims are based on the originally filed specification and claims. Consequently, no new matter will be added upon entry of the amendment. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 22-24, 26-30, 33, 44-48, 55-57, and 60 will be active.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance. It is kindly requested that the Examiner acknowledge the same pass this application to issue. Should the Examiner deem that a personal or telephonic interview would be helpful in advancing this application toward allowance, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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